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SUBJECT: OPENING OF NARITA AIRPORT

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1. SUMMARY: GOJ HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT NARITA AIRPORT WILL OPEN ON MARCH 30, 1978. INITIAL LEVEL OF OPERATIONS WILL BE 150-160 FLIGHT "MOVEMENTS" DAILY; I.E., 75-80 FLIGHTS. FURTHER DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NOVEMBER 26, AFTER OBTAINING CABINET APPROVAL, THEN TRANSPORT MINISTER TAMURA ANNOUNCED THAT NARITA AIRPORT WILL OPEN ON MARCH 30, 1978. FORMAL NOTICE OF THE OPENING WAS PUBLISHED AS MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT NOTIFICATION NO. 608 IN A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE ON NOVEMBER 28. EMBASSY TRANSLATIONS HAS BEEN POUCHED EB/OA.

3. EMBOFF QUERIED JCAB INTL DIV ABOUT UPI ITEM CONTAINED REFTEL. OFFICIAL STATED THAT CRUCIAL WORD "MOVEMENTS" HAD BEEN DROPPED AND THAT THE OPENING LEVEL OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT NARITA WILL BE 150-160 FLIGHT "MOVEMENTS" A DAY; I.E., 75-80 FLIGHTS, EQUAL APPROXIMATELY TO PRESENT INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS AT HANEDA. WHEN QUERIED WHETHER THIS NUMBER INCLUDED DOMESTIC FEEDER
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SERVICES JCAB INDICATED THOSE MOVEMENTS WOULD "PROBABLY" BE IN ADDITION TO 150-160 LEVEL.

4. INTL DIV WOULD NOT CONFIRM EVENTUAL "300 FLIGHT" FIGURE BUT SAID IT WAS FORECAST MADE BY NEW TOKYO INTL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (NTIAA) OF THE NUMBER OF FLIGHT MOVEMENTS REPEAT MOVEMENTS THAT NARITA SHOULD BE ABLE

TO HANDLE IN 1980 WHEN EXISTING FACILITIES ARE FULLY UTILIZED. JCAB CONFIRMED THAT NARITA SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE 10 MILLION PASSENGERS AND 500,000 TONS OF CARGO THE SAME YEAR. IN REGARD TO SIZE THEY TOLD US THAT, AT PRESENT, NARITA IS 1.3 TIMES THE SIZE OF HANEDA; WHEN CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE IS COMPLETED THE AIRPORT WILL BE 2.5 TIMES HANEDA'S SIZE (1065 HECTARES TO HANEDA'S 429 HECTARES).

5. WE ALSO SPOKE TO NTIAA OFFICIALS ABOUT NARITA'S SECOND STAGE WHICH WILL ENCOMPASS CONSTRUCTION OF A "B" RUNWAY (2500 M X 60 M) PARALLEL TO THE PRESENT A RUNWAY AND A "C" RUNWAY (3200 M X 60 M) INTERSECTING "A". NTIAA ESTIMATES THIS SECOND PHASE WILL BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1981-EARLY 1982. IN 1985 NARITA'S PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY IS ESTIMATED AT 20 MILLION PERSONS ANNUALLY AND 1.11 MILLION TONS OF CARGO

6. ON NOVEMBER 29, THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY ALSO ANNOUNCED FLIGHT COURSES FOR NARITA. ALL PLANES WILL LAND OR TAKE OFF FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH DEPENDING ON WIND DIRECTIONS ON THE 4000 METER RUNWAY A. ALL FLIGHTS MUST MAINTAIN AN ALTITUDE OF OVER 1800 METERS WHILE OVER CHIBA PREFECTURE EXCEPT FOR FLIGHT CORRIDORS NORTH TO THE TONE RIVER AND SOUTH TO THE Kujukuri COAST.

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7. JCAB HAS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT INITIAL FUEL SUPPLY WILL BE 4000 KILOLITERS DAILY BROUGHT BY TRAIN FROM TWO SOURCES - 3000 KILOLITERS FROM KASHIMA PORT AND 1000 KILOLITERS FROM CHIBA PORT. THIS SYSTEM IS TO LAST THREE YEARS WHILE A DUAL PIPELINE FROM CHIBA PORT IS CONSTRUCTED. BY SPRING 1981, PIPELINE SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL FURNISHING UP TO 500 KILOLITERS OF FUEL PER HOUR; OPENING OF SECOND PIPELINE WILL DOUBLE SUPPLY CAPACITY TO 1000 KILOLITERS PER HOUR.

8. SEVERAL PROBLEMS REMAIN AMONG THEM ADEQUATE GROUND TRANSPORT FROM TOKYO (66 KM), CONTINUED RADICAL RESISTANCE TO THE AIRPORT'S OPENING AND REPORTED JNR UNION OBJECTIONS ON SAFETY GROUNDS TO THE TRANSPORT OF JET FUEL BY RAIL. DECEMBER 1 PRESS REPORTS LATEST FLUB--THAT NARITA HAS NO ISOLATION WARD FOR QUARANTINE.

9. JCAB SAID NOTAM (NOTICE TO AIRMEN) REGARDING AIRPORT OPENING WILL BE SENT TO FAA AND AIRLINES BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER.
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